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## **MINUTES FOR REGULAR SESSION MEETING: FEBRUARY 20, 2008**

### **Board Members**

Christina M. Sorenson, O.D., President  
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Robert B. Pinkert, O.D.  
Robert J. Maynard, O.D.  
Curtis R. Winkler, M.D.  
Melissa Bengtson, Public Member

### **Staff:**

Margaret Whelan, Executive Director  
Paula Hollins, Licensing Administrator

### **Legal Counsel:**

Elizabeth Campbell, Assistant Attorney General

#### **A. CALL TO ORDER: Dr. Sorenson**

Dr. Sorenson called the meeting to order at 12:25 p.m.

#### **B. ROLL CALL: Ms. Hollins**

Board Members Present: Christina M. Sorenson, O.D., President  
Caroline Griego, O.D., Vice President  
Robert J. Maynard, O.D.  
Robert B. Pinkert, O.D.

Board Members Absent: Curtis R. Winkler, M.D.  
Melissa Bengtson, Public Member

Legal Counsel Present: Elizabeth Campbell, Assistant Attorney General  
Marc Harris, Assistant Attorney General

Staff Present: Margaret Whelan, Executive Director  
Paula Hollins, Licensing Administrator

**C. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON LETTER FROM BOARD OF DISPENSING OPTICIANS:**

1. Discussion of letter sent by Board of Dispensing Opticians to optometrists regarding the licensing of optical establishments.

The Board went into executive session at 12:28 p.m.

The Board reconvened regular session at 12:45 p.m.

The Board discussed ways on how and what actions to take regarding the letter sent by Board of Dispensing Opticians.

The Board of Dispensing Opticians Director sent out the letter to selected optometrists holding more than one practice location. The Board of Optometry reiterated that the Dispensing Opticians Board has no jurisdiction over Arizona State Board of Optometry.

**MOTION:** Dr. Maynard moved to direct staff that if anyone calls to question this matter that the executive director informs the caller that the Board does not agree with the Board of Dispensing Opticians and this letter. There was no second to the motion. Motion fails.

The Board took no action in this matter.

**D. CALL TO PUBLIC:**

**Dr. Sorenson**

Dr. Sorenson made a call to the public at 1:06 p.m.

Mr. Steve Duffy spoke on behalf of the Optometric Association voicing concerns that its membership perceives these letters as the Dispensing Opticians Board going beyond its jurisdiction and impeding on optometry laws.

Lori Scott from the Board of the Dispensing Opticians Board spoke addressing the fact that it is not her Board's intent on stepping into the practice of the profession of optometry or regulating optometrists in any way and that they will to continue regulating optical dispensing only.

Dr. Sorenson moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:09 p.m. Dr. Maynard seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

**END OF MINUTES:**

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Margaret Whelan, Executive Director

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Date